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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below

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Online Webster's Dictionary Entry for "Elastic"

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Main Entry: **'elas-tic**

Pronunciation: \i-'las-tik\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: New Latin *elasticus*, from Late Greek *elastos* ductile, beaten, from Greek *elaunein* to drive, beat out; probably akin to Greek *ēlythe* he went, Old Irish *luid*

Date: 1674

1 a *of a solid* : capable of recovering size and shape after deformation **b** : relating to or being a collision between particles in which the total kinetic energy of the particles remains unchanged

2 : capable of recovering quickly especially from depression or disappointment
<my *elastic* spirits revived — Wilkie Collins>

3 : capable of being easily stretched or expanded and resuming former shape : **FLEXIBLE** <an *elastic* bandage>

4 a : capable of ready change or easy expansion or contraction : not rigid or constricted <an *elastic* concept> **b** : receptive to new ideas : **ADAPTABLE** <an *elastic* mind>

— **elas-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adverb*

synonyms **ELASTIC**, **RESILIENT**, **SPRINGY**, **FLEXIBLE**, **SUPPLE** mean able to endure strain without being permanently injured. **ELASTIC** implies the property of resisting deformation by stretching <an *elastic* waistband>. **RESILIENT** implies the ability to recover shape quickly when the deforming force or pressure is removed <a *resilient* innersole>. **SPRINGY** stresses both the ease with which something yields to pressure and the quickness of its return to original shape <the cake is done



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when the top is *springy*>. **FLEXIBLE** applies to something which may or may not be resilient or elastic but which can be bent or folded without breaking <*flexible plastic tubing*>. **SUPPLE** applies to something that can be readily bent, twisted, or folded without any sign of injury <*supple leather*>.

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